

Led by seniors Sergi Piguillem and Marshall Quist, who finished with combined times of 1:17:98 and 1:21:39, respectively, the Skippers were able to defeat rival Edina 166–151.

This is Minnetonka High School's fifth alpine skiing title in their program's history, which illustrates these athletes' dedication to the pursuit of excellence on the slopes and in the classroom. Their state championship title is a testament to their passion and love for the sport, and commitment in putting their best effort forward in all that they do.

Congratulations to head coach Dave Gartner, the parents, and every member of the Minnetonka Alpine Skiing Team on your impressive victory. Our community is proud of you for being tremendous student athletes. Go Skippers.

RECOGNITION OF GOLDEN APPLE
AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 2017

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank our outstanding teachers of Collier County, Florida, and to recognize their hard work and dedication to our community.

Teaching may be the most challenging, yet most important, profession in our country. Teachers inspire, mentor, and motivate our children to succeed. Every one of us undoubtedly has had a teacher in our life that shaped us into who we are today. We are deeply thankful for our dedicated teachers who so greatly impact our young people and the future of our communities.

I want to congratulate the following teachers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty, and who will be recognized at the annual Golden Apple Celebration of Teachers Dinner tomorrow night. Myra Janco Daniels will be awarded the Heart of the Apple for her devotion to education. Joanna Campanile, Anne Fredette, Ashley Lynn Heirls, Maria LaRocco, Janell Matos, Amanda McCoy and Stacy Smith are recipients of the Golden Apple. Tara Barr, Staci Haralson Barretta, Steven Becker, Brandon Carter, Kristin Downs, Susan Ellard, Staci Fisher, Sabrina Kovacs, John Krupp, Veronica Mamone, Kyle Manders, Kristin Merrill, Joseph Merrill, Dawn Peck, Lindsey Sebela, Christina Svec, Aaron Thayer, Marisa Vessella and Amity Wyss were named Teachers of Distinction.

These teachers truly make a difference in their students' lives and I am thankful for the positive impact they have on our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BELOVED
SHELBY ANN CARTER

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 2017

Mr. LAHOOD Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Shelby Ann Carter, a loving mother, daughter, fiancée, and friend.

In Wyoming, Illinois, our community sadly experienced a tragic loss of a young woman's

life on January 30, 2017. Shelby Ann Carter passed away from smoke inhalation during a fire which consumed her home. Shelby's final moments were spent in a successful effort to save the life of her baby girl.

In the midst of the fire, Shelby had the strength to save the life of her newly born daughter, Keana. Shelby acted heroically by strapping Keana into a car seat and dropping her out of the second story window, an act which ultimately saved her child's life. Strapped in the car seat, Keana safely landed in a pile of debris, where the emergency response teams found her. Keana was then rushed to the hospital and released with only a small burn, but otherwise unharmed.

Shelby graduated from Stark County High School in 2014. She was a bright student, who spent her time after school playing basketball. Shelby's classmates characterized her as a smart and friendly young woman who loved spending time with children. Her proudest moment was when she became a mother to Keana.

Shelby will always be in the hearts and minds of her community and friends throughout Central Illinois. I would like to commend her courageous actions and send my condolences to her friends and family. May God bless her in heaven.

RECOGNITION OF GRANDVIEW
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 2017

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Grandview High School Girls-Basketball team, from Grandview High School in Aurora, Colorado. The Wolves triumphed in their 61–32 victory over Lakewood High School in the Colorado 5A state championship game.

Grandview finished the season with an impressive 27–1 record, and celebrated the culmination of their season with the first girls-basketball state championship win for their school.

Senior Michaela Onyenwere walked off the court with the game-high 25 points and eight rebounds.

During their performances in the state championship game, the Grandview Wolves proved that with hard work, dedication, and perseverance anything is possible. The team was led to the championship title through the committed leadership of their coach, Josh Ullitzky, and his commendable staff.

Again, congratulations to the Grandview High School Girls-Basketball Team on their continued success, and for their victory in the Colorado's 5A State Championship.

OKAWVILLE HIGH SCHOOL 2016–17
BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 2017

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the Okawville High School boys' basketball team upon finishing second in the

2016–2017 Illinois State Class 1A Basketball Tournament. This is a remarkable achievement for the Okawville coaches, teammates, and community as a whole.

The Okawville Rockets had an impressive year and an exciting tournament performance. The Rockets finished the regular season with a win-loss record of 32–4. By the end of the year, senior Noah Frederking led Okawville with the most rebounds in school history. Mr. Frederking also scored over 2800 points over the course of his high school career, making him the leading all-time scorer for Okawville and the entire Metro East area. The Rockets went on to win their regional games against Lebanon High School and Marissa High School. The Rockets followed that win by hosting two victories over New Berlin High School and Carrollton High School in their sectional games.

In their state super-sectional game, the Rockets faced off against Menden Unity High School. After falling behind by 8 points before halftime, the Rockets looked to their defense to carry their comeback. The Rockets did not allow Menden Unity to score a single basket from the floor throughout the entire second half of the game, and rallied for an incredible win to take them to the championship game.

Led by Head Coach Jon Kraus and Assistant Coaches Ryan Heck, Mike Frederking, and Jackie Smith, team members were Payten Harre, Josh Madrid, Caleb Frederking, Will Aubel, Logan Riechmann, Wyatt Krohne, Luke Hensler, Shane Ganz, Drew Frederking, Noah Frederking, Tyler Roesener, Payton Riechmann, Lane Schilling, and Kirklen Meier. Managers Max Aubel and Jarad Barnes also assisted the team throughout its season and playoff run.

I look forward to watching their future successes in both their academic and athletic pursuits and wish them all the best in these endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Okawville Rockets on an impressive season, and I commend them for making the 15th district of Illinois proud.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY
CONFERENCE ON THE DATE OF ITS
40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Downriver Community Conference on the date of its 40th Anniversary. The DCC has provided workforce training and job resources to Downriver for decades and has been instrumental in improving the quality of life for the area's residents.

Founded in 1977, the Downriver Community Conference is an organization dedicated to promoting enhanced economic growth and well-being through its workforce training, economic development and additional community services available to southern Wayne County and its residents. The DCC has been key to helping increase the quality of life while working to preserve jobs and attract a skilled workforce through its efforts. In 2003, the DCC successfully supported a proposed takeover of